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## TWO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MEN PLEAD GUILTY IN SCHEME TO SELL STOLEN CABELA'S MERCHANDISE ON E-BAY

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ryan L. Brehm**, 24, and **Jason B. Coder**, 26, both of Kansas City, Missouri, each entered a guilty plea today before Chief U.S. District Judge John W. Lungstrum to one count of **conspiracy to commit wire fraud**.

Melgren said that Brehm and Coder admitted at their pleas that in October 2003, Coder, while employed at Cabela's in the Loss Prevention Department, stole approximately \$87,586.00 in merchandise from Cabela's and that Coder and Brehm transported the merchandise to Missouri. Brehm and Coder also admitted that they devised a scheme to sell the stolen merchandise on e-bay, an internet auction system. Brehm and Coder further admitted that Brehm offered the stolen items for sale on e-bay and that Coder placed false bids on the items to inflate the prices.

Brehm and Coder each face a maximum of five years in federal prison, without parole, for conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Sentencing is set for October 4, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the U.S. Secret Service Task Force in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Streepy in this prosecution.